

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's Office Action and the cited references have been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claims 5 and 10 have been amended. Claim 6 has been cancelled. Claim 1 was previously cancelled. Claims 2-4 and 7-9 are unchanged by the present amendment. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the claims in their present form, together with the following comments, and allow the application.

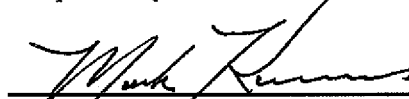
The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 5 and claim 10 have been amended to define "a maximum product steam output." Claim 10 has also been amended to define "the recirculation tubing." Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner now withdraw the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection.

The Applicant acknowledges with thanks that claims 2-5 and 7-10 were allowed by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters that need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0537, referencing our Docket No. ST9032PCT(US).

Respectfully submitted,



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